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 City of Long Beach
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Dear Mr Reynolds

I would like to see the Spring-Walton
 Gulch area go to park land. It's already
 a significant area for birds & other wild-
 life.

There must be other areas which
 would require less complicated grading
 of steep slopes & avoiding pipelines which
 can be used for the sports park. Please save the
 area for natural enjoyment. Sincerely,

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The comment expresses an opinion that an alternative site for the Sports Park is preferred, with preservation of the project site as a natural park. Alternatives are addressed in Chapter 5.0 of the Draft EIR. Alternative sites and alternative uses of the project site are addressed in Section 5.5 of the Draft EIR. None of the potential alternative sites were found to meet the key project objective of minimizing costs to the City by developing the commercial Sports Park on a site that does not require excessive site acquisition costs. A potential cultural/nature park concept was considered as a possible alternative use of the site (Draft EIR, Section 5.4). This alternative use did not meet the recreation and economic objectives of the project, nor was a reliable funding source identified for possible acquisition, construction, and operation. This potential alternative was found to be impractical.